

Account to be rendered to superintendent.

shall be solely designated in such suit by the words "the principal of the normal school of.....," adding thereto the name of the school; and he shall account to the superintendent of education for all sums collected in virtue of this section, and this section shall apply to the recovery of any sum now due to normal schools under regulations now in force.

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An act respecting Inspectors of Prisons, Hospitals, and other Institutions.

[Assented to, 24th February, 1868.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec enacts as follows:

Lieut.-gov. may appoint three persons to inspect prisons, &c.

1. The lieutenant-governor in council may appoint fit persons, not more than three in number, to be inspectors of prisons, hospitals and other institutions, under the provisions of this act, and appoint one of such persons to be their chairman, and the said inspectors shall hold office during pleasure.

Place of meetings.

2. The said inspectors shall hold their meetings as a board, at such place as may from time to time be appointed by the lieutenant-governor; the chairman shall preside at such board, and the chairman and any one inspector shall constitute a quorum at their meetings for all purposes whatsoever.

Who shall preside.

3. The chairman at such board shall have a right to vote as an inspector, and in case of an equality of votes, shall have also a casting vote, and he shall keep a regular minute of the proceedings of each meeting and sign the same.

Chairman's right to vote.

Absence of chairman.

4. In case of the absence of the chairman, any one of the inspectors may be appointed by the lieutenant-governor to act in his stead during such absence.

Duties of inspectors.

5. The said inspectors shall visit and inspect, either singly or together as may be determined upon by them, or as may be ordered by the lieutenant-governor, every gaol, house of correction, and prison or place kept or used for the confinement of persons, in any part of this province, as often as may be determined upon by them or ordered by the lieutenant-governor, and at least twice in the year; and the said inspector or inspectors may examine any person holding any office or receiving any salary or emolument in any such place of confinement as aforesaid, and call for and inspect all books and papers relating to such place of confinement, and may enquire into all matters concerning such place of confinement; and every inspector singly making an inspection as aforesaid shall make a separate and distinct report, in writing, to the board of inspectors, of the state of every place of confinement visited by him.

6. From the time this act takes effect, every gaol erected in this province shall be made and built according to a plan approved of by the inspectors and sanctioned by the lieutenant-governor.

Gaols to be built according to approved plans.

7. The inspectors, before deciding in any case upon the plans of a gaol most proper to be adopted, or upon any alterations or additions they may propose to be made in any district gaol now erected in this province, shall take into consideration :

Matters to be considered before adopting plans.

1. The nature and extent of the ground on which such gaol has been or is to be built ;
2. Its relative situation to any streets and buildings and to any river or other water ;
3. Its comparative elevation and capability of being drained ;
4. The materials of which it has been or is to be composed ;
5. The necessity of guarding against cold and damp, and of providing properly for ventilation ;
6. The proper classification of persons, having respect to their age, sex, and the cause of their confinement ;
7. The best means of ensuring their safe custody without the necessity of resorting to severe treatment ;
8. The due accommodation of the keeper of the gaol so that he may have ready access to the prisoners and conveniently oversee them ;
9. The prevention of any intercourse with persons without the walls of the building ;
10. The prevention of nuisances from whatever cause ;
11. The combining provision as well for the reformation of convicts so far as may be practicable, as for their employment profitably to the public revenue, in order that the common gaols may really serve for places of correction ;
12. The admission of prisoners to air and exercise without the walls of the building ; and
13. The enclosure of the yard and premises with a secure wall.

Nature of ground ;

Relative position ;

Elevation and drainage ;

Materials ;

Heat and ventilation ;

Classification of prisoners ;

Means of safe custody ;

The keeper's apartments ;

Seclusion ;

Nuisances ;

Reformation and profitable employment of prisoners ;

Out-door exercise ;

Yard-wall.

8. The said inspectors shall, as soon as may be convenient, frame a set of rules and regulations for the government of the common gaols of this province, extending to—

Regulations to be made regarding :

1. The maintenance of the prisoners in regard to diet, clothing, bedding, and other necessities ;
2. Their employment profitably to the public revenue ;
3. Medical attendance ;
4. Religious instruction ;
5. The conduct of the prisoners and the restraint and punishment to which they may be subjected ; and
6. Also to the treatment and custody of the prisoners generally, the whole internal economy and management of the gaol, and all such matters connected therewith as may be thought by them expedient ;

Diet, clothing, &c.

Employment ;

Medical attendance ;

Religious instruction ;

Conduct of prisoners ;

Treatment of prisoners.

Which rules and regulations shall be submitted to the lieutenant-governor for his approval and confirmation.

Regulations to be approved by lieutenant-gov.

Existing regulations to serve in the meantime.

Until such rules and regulations have been so framed and approved, the rules and regulations now in existence, under chapter one hundred and ten of the consolidated statutes of Canada, shall remain in force.

Copy of proceedings to be furnished lieutenant-gov.

9. The said inspectors shall keep an exact record of all their proceedings, and transmit a copy thereof to the lieutenant-governor signed by them or a majority of them.

Inspection of institutions supported wholly by public money.

10. The inspectors, either singly or together, as often as may be determined on by them, or be ordered by the lieutenant-governor, and at least twice in the year, shall visit, examine and report to him upon the state and management of every hospital or other benevolent institution supported wholly by grant or public money, or by money levied under authority of law.

Inspection of institutions supported in part by public money.

11. The inspectors, either singly or together, whenever required by the lieutenant-governor so to do, shall visit and shall examine and report to him upon the state, management and condition of every hospital or other benevolent institution, supported in part by grant of public money, and in case of refusal of admission into the same for the purpose of inspection, shall forthwith report such refusal to the lieutenant-governor, and the circumstances attending the same.

Beauport Asylum.

12. The inspectors shall, so long as any appropriation of money may be made by the legislature, in aid of the lunatic asylum at Beauport, near Quebec, visit such asylum as often as may be determined upon by them, or be ordered by the lieutenant-governor, and at least twice in the year, and shall in their annual report fully report on the state and management of such asylum and on the condition of its inmates.

Private lunatic asylums.

13. The inspectors, either singly or together, whenever required to do so by the lieutenant-governor, and at least once in the year, shall visit, examine and report to him upon the state and management of every private lunatic asylum established under the provisions of the "act respecting private lunatic asylums" and upon the condition of its inmates; and the lieutenant-governor, after the receipt of any report of the inspectors, may, by an instrument under his hand and seal, suspend or revoke the license granted under the said act.

Other asylums.

14. In case any other lunatic asylum, or any asylum for idiots, or for the deaf, dumb or blind, be erected at the public expense, the inspectors appointed under this act shall have and perform the same powers and duties with respect to such asylums respectively, as are vested in them by virtue of this act with respect to the said lunatic asylum at Beauport, near Quebec.

Inspectors to report annually to lieutenant-gov.

15. The said inspectors shall make a full and accurate annual report to the lieutenant-governor on or before the tenth day of February in each year, on the state, condition and management of the several asylums, hospitals, gaols and institutions under their inspection, and inspected by them, or any

of them, during the preceding year, together with such suggestions for the improvement of the same as they may deem necessary or expedient.

16. Upon all matters which they may deem of sufficient importance, or that may for that purpose be defined by the lieutenant-governor in council, the said board of inspectors shall report to the secretary of the province, or to such other head of department as the lieutenant-governor in council from time to time may direct, and no decision of the board shall be binding until it shall have been approved by him; and when any such report is made, any member of the board may record his dissent on the minutes and may submit to the secretary a minority report.

Important matters to be specially reported to provincial secretary.

17. This act may be cited as "The Prison and Asylum Inspection Act." Short title.

18. The act chapter one hundred and ten of the consolidated statutes of Canada, in so far as it may apply to this province, is repealed. C. S. C. c. 110 repealed.

CAP. XXIV.

The Joint Stock Companies General Clauses Act.

[Assented to, 24th February, 1868.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The following expressions, both in this and the special act, shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there is something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction, that is to say:

Interpretation of the words:—

1. The expression "the special act," means any act incorporating a company for any of the purposes contemplated by this act, and also all acts amending such act;

"The special act;"

2. The expression "the company" means the company incorporated by the special act;

"The company;"

3. The expression "the undertaking" means the whole of the works and business of every kind, which the company is authorized to carry on;

"The undertaking;"

4. The expression "real estate" or "land" includes all immovable property of every kind;

"Real estate," "land;"

5. The expression "shareholder" means every subscriber to, or holder of stock in, the company, and extends to and includes the personal representatives of the shareholder.

"Shareholder;"

2. When not otherwise expressly enacted, this act shall apply to every joint-stock company incorporated by any act hereafter to be passed, for any of the following purposes:

This act to apply to companies incorporated for special purposes.

1. Carrying on any kind of manufacturing, shipbuilding, mechanical, printing and publishing, or chemical business;

Purposes enumerated.